

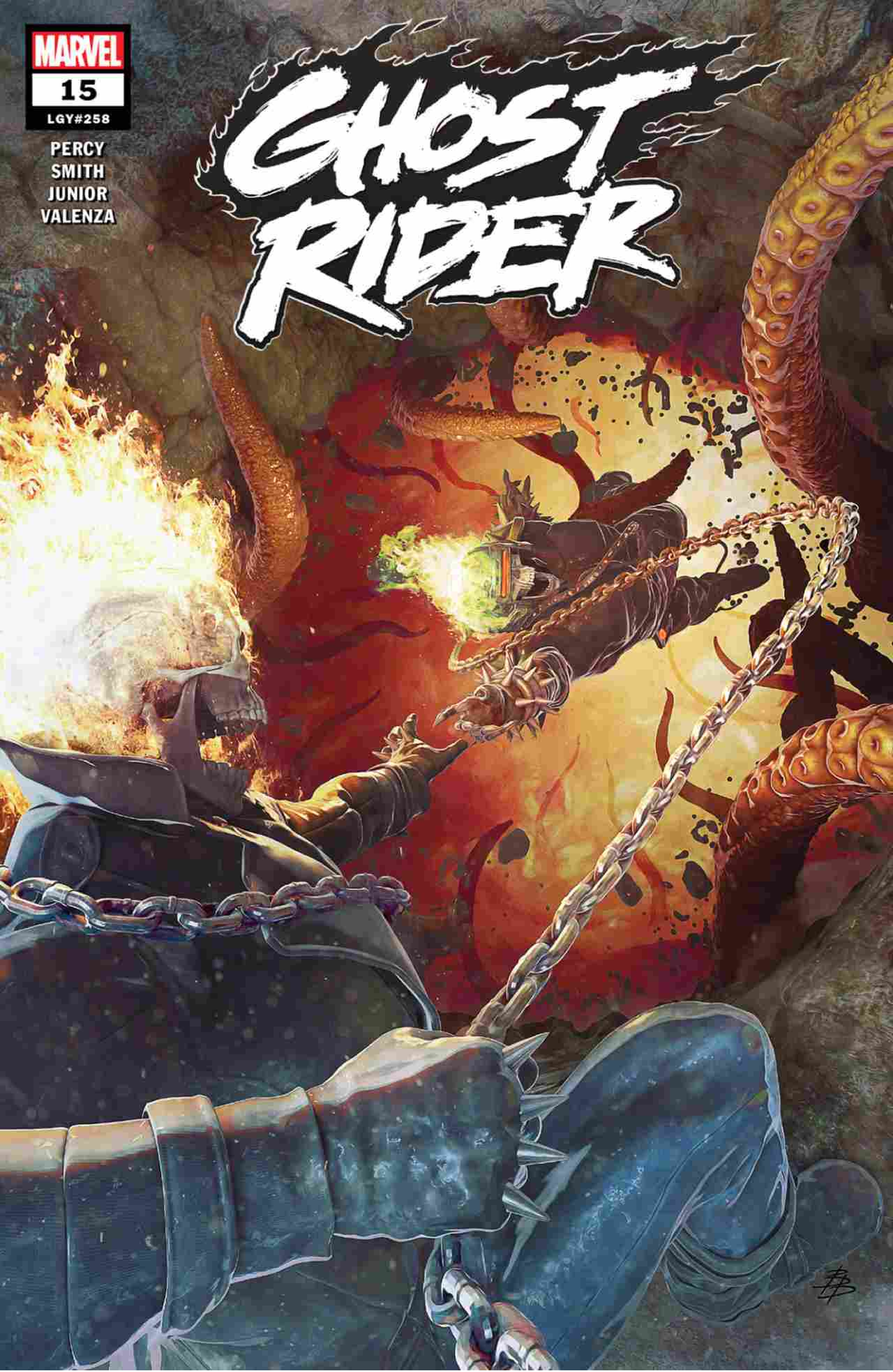
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GHOST RIDER



When innocent blood is spilled, a *Spirit of Vengeance* is born,
and **JOHNNY BLAZE** finds himself transformed!

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GHOST RIDER

*"Dragged out
of Hell"*

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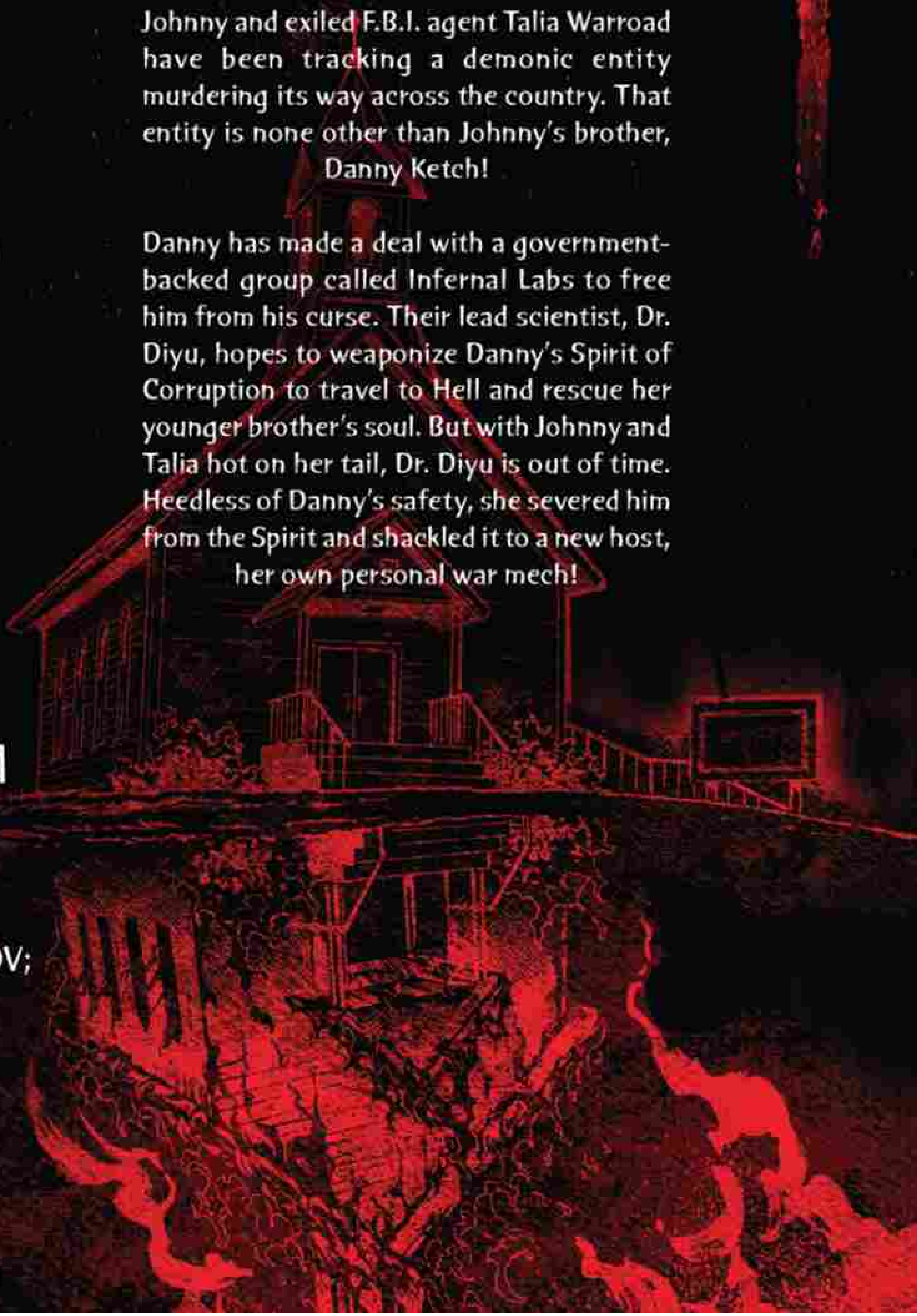
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PREVIOUSLY...

Johnny and exiled F.B.I. agent Talia Warroad have been tracking a demonic entity murdering its way across the country. That entity is none other than Johnny's brother, Danny Ketch!

Danny has made a deal with a government-backed group called Infernal Labs to free him from his curse. Their lead scientist, Dr. Diyu, hopes to weaponize Danny's Spirit of Corruption to travel to Hell and rescue her younger brother's soul. But with Johnny and Talia hot on her tail, Dr. Diyu is out of time. Heedless of Danny's safety, she severed him from the Spirit and shackled it to a new host, her own personal war mech!



**INFERNAL LABS.
MOUNTAIN VIEW,
CALIFORNIA.**

I KNOW
DANNY'S IN
THERE, BUT SO
IS WHATEVER'S
CONTROLLING
HIM.

IF YOU'RE
ASKING ME TO HANG
BACK, TALIA, THAT'S
NOT HAPPENING.
NO WAY IN--

INFERNAL LABS

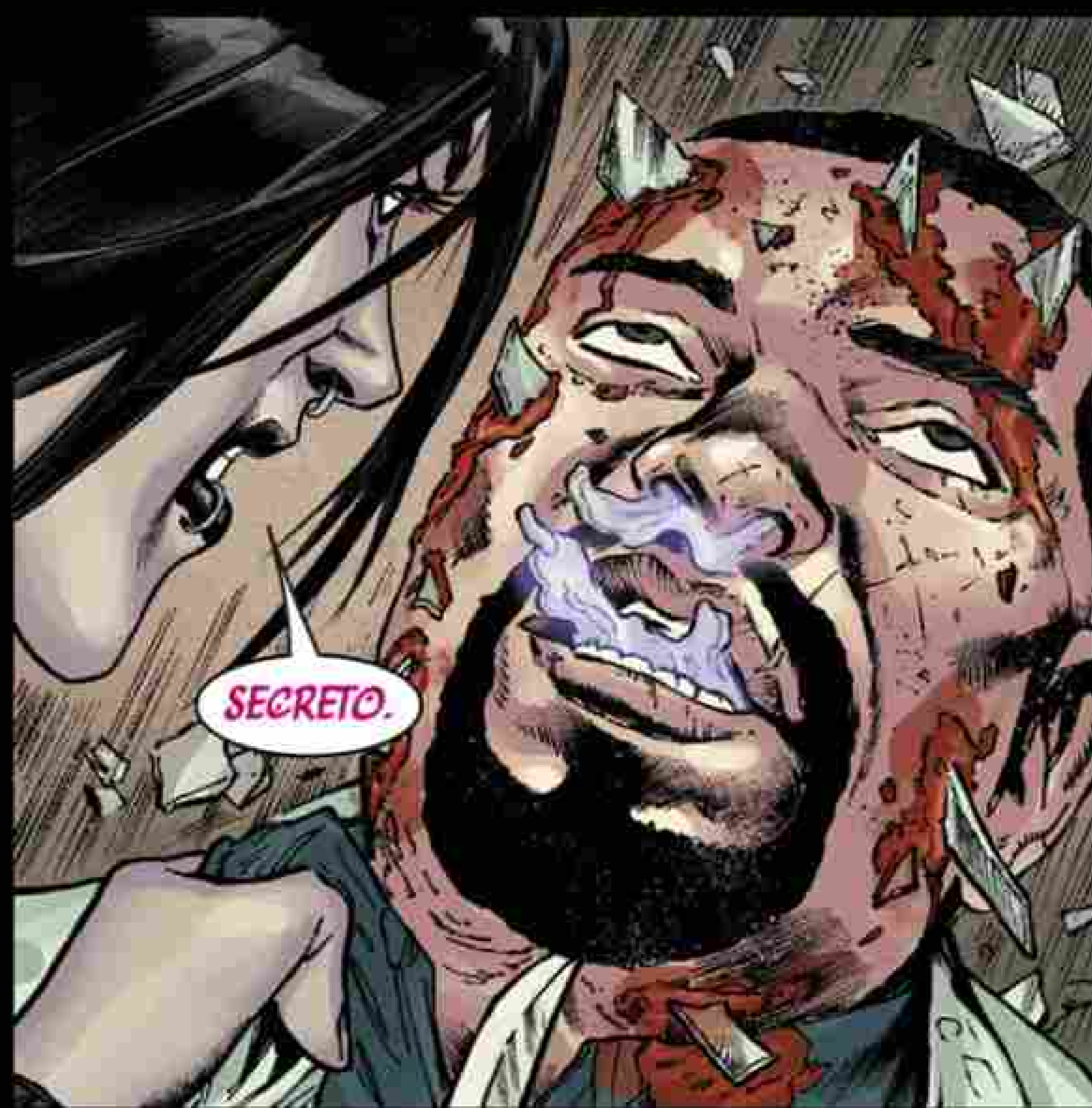
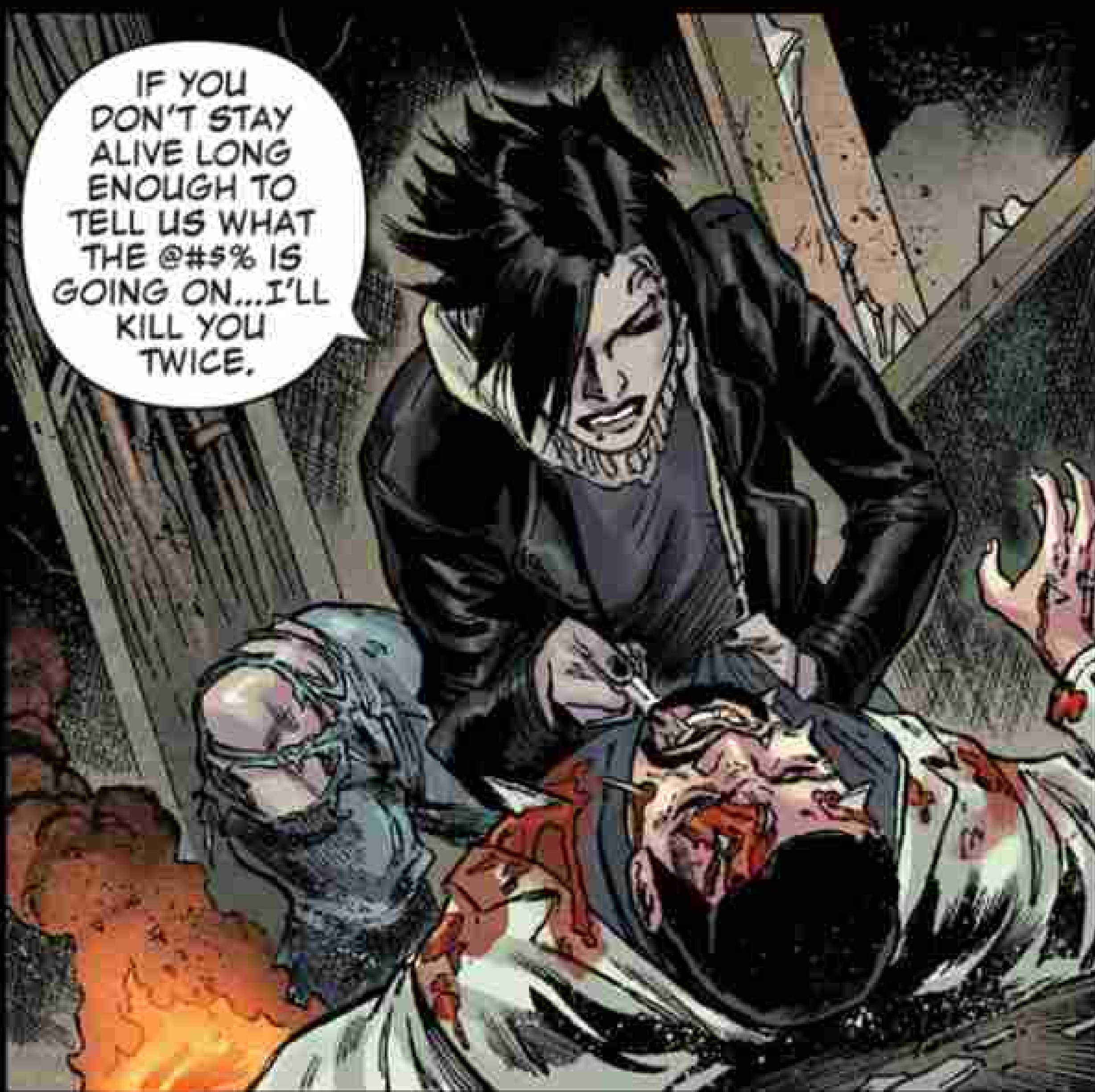
--HELL!

POOOON

YOU
OKAY?

SEEING
DOUBLE. MIGHT
HAVE RUPTURED
AN EARDRUM.
BUT, YEAH.







"DANNY SIGNED
HIS LIFE AWAY TO
INFERNAL LABS..."

"...BECAUSE THEY
PROMISED TO
END THE CURSE.

"THEY
PROMISED
TO SEVER
THE SPIRIT OF
CORRUPTION
FROM HIM.

"BUT AS
JOHNNY KNOWS
ALL TOO WELL..."

"...WHEN THE
SPIRIT LIVES
INSIDE YOU
LONG ENOUGH,
IT BECOMES
AS VITAL AS
AN ORGAN.

"YOU
CAN'T LIVE
WITHOUT IT.

"DR. DIYU LOST
HER BROTHER
TO A DEMONIC
POSSESSION."

"BY WEAPONIZING
THE SPIRIT, SHE PLANS
TO FIGHT HER WAY
THROUGH HELL..."

...AND
DRAG HIM
BACK
HOME.







WHEN I TELL
YOU WHAT'S
HAPPENING, YOU'RE
GOING TO
CHANGE.



BUT I
JUST WANT TO
TALK TO JOHNNY
FOR A MINUTE,
OKAY?



HNNNN.

HE
BREATHED! HE'S
BREATHING!

DANNY!



HE CAN'T HEAR YOU. HE'S
NOT REALLY HERE. HE'S
JUST A SHELL.

I DON'T
KNOW HOW LONG
I CAN KEEP
HIM ALIVE.



WHAT'S
HAPPENED?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

KISS ME
FIRST, AND
THEN I'LL
TELL YOU.



TELL ME,
PLEASE.

YOU'RE
GOING TO HELL,
JOHNNY.

"THE GATE
IS IN THE
NEXT ROOM."



"GHOST RIDER
IS GOING
THROUGH IT..."



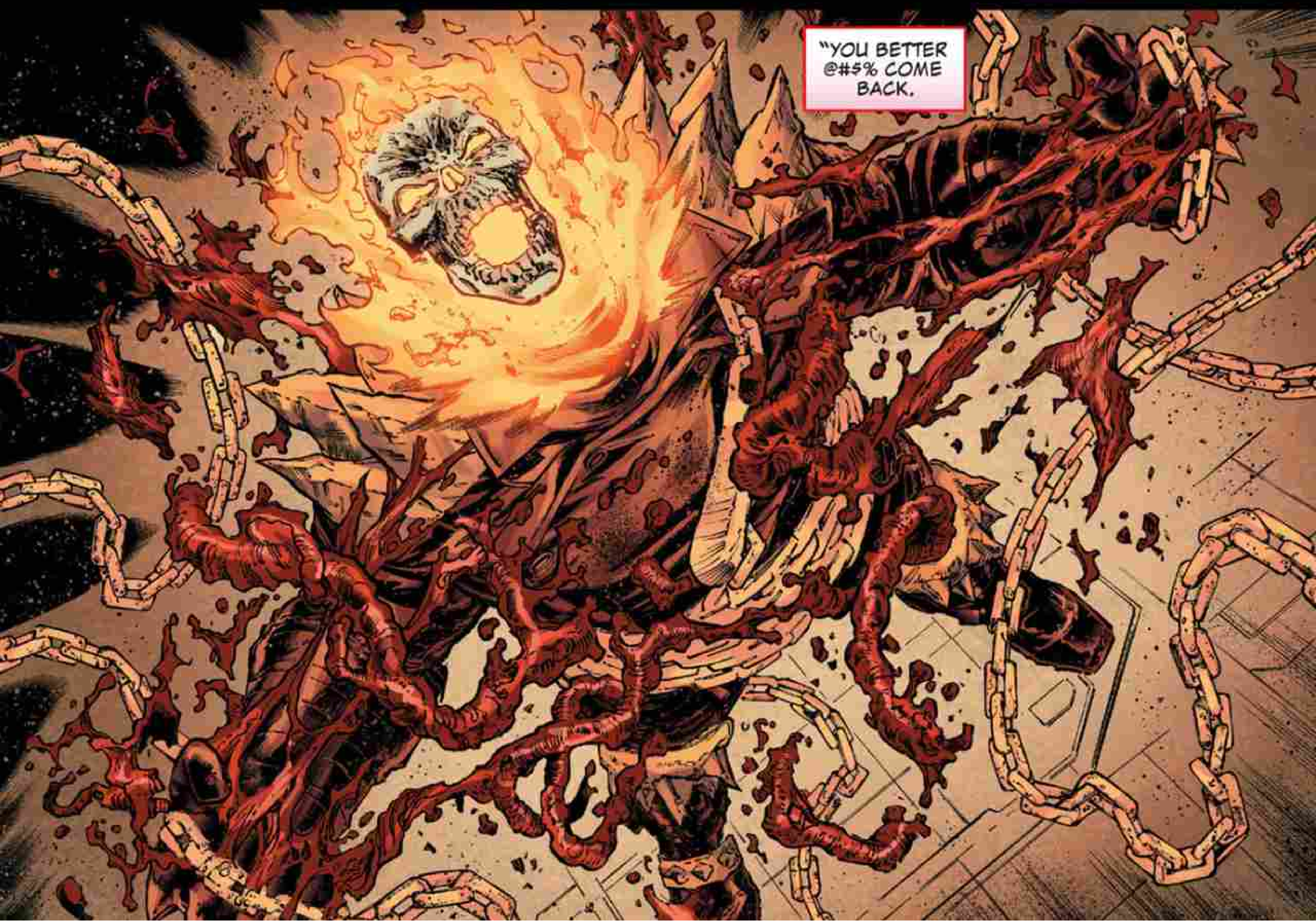
"...BUT
JOHNNY
BLAZE
NEEDS TO
REMEMBER
WHAT'S
WAITING
FOR HIM
HERE."

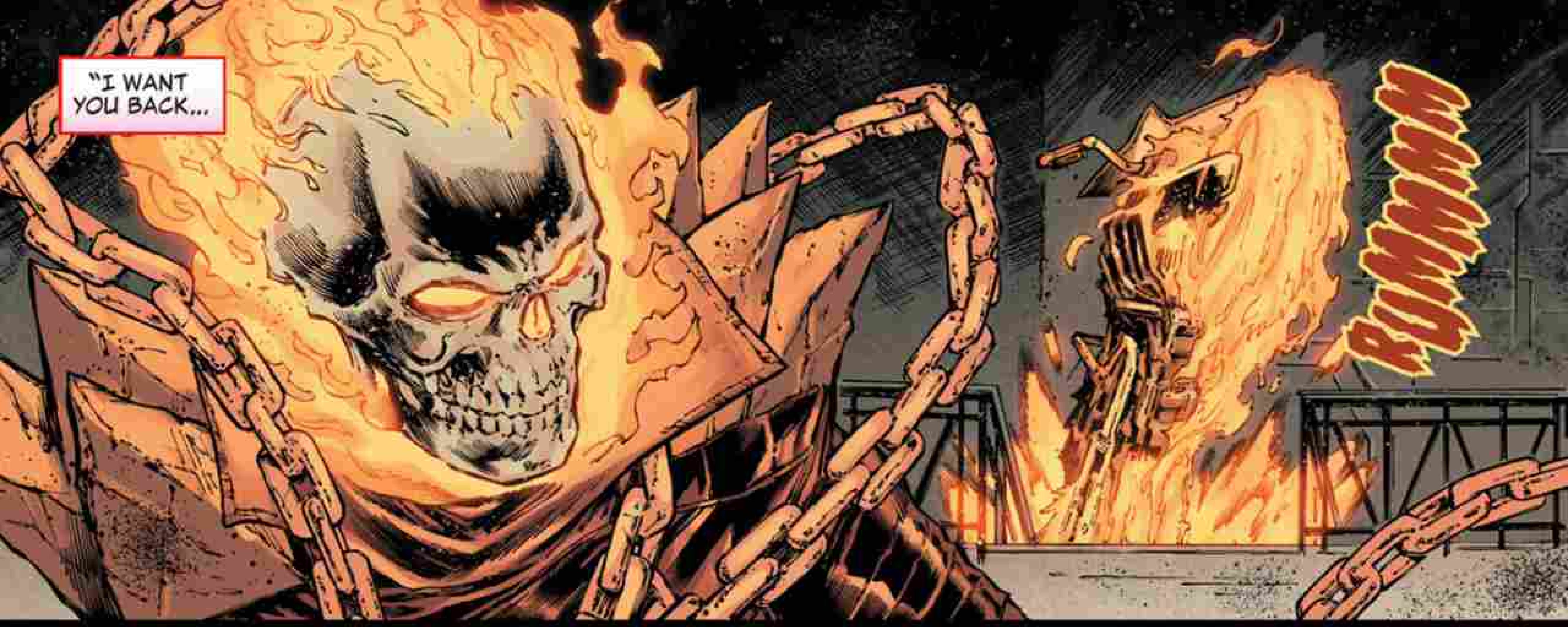


"YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE A LONG
WAY FROM
WHO YOU
ARE AND
WHERE
YOU'RE
FROM."



"YOU BETTER
@#5% COME
BACK."





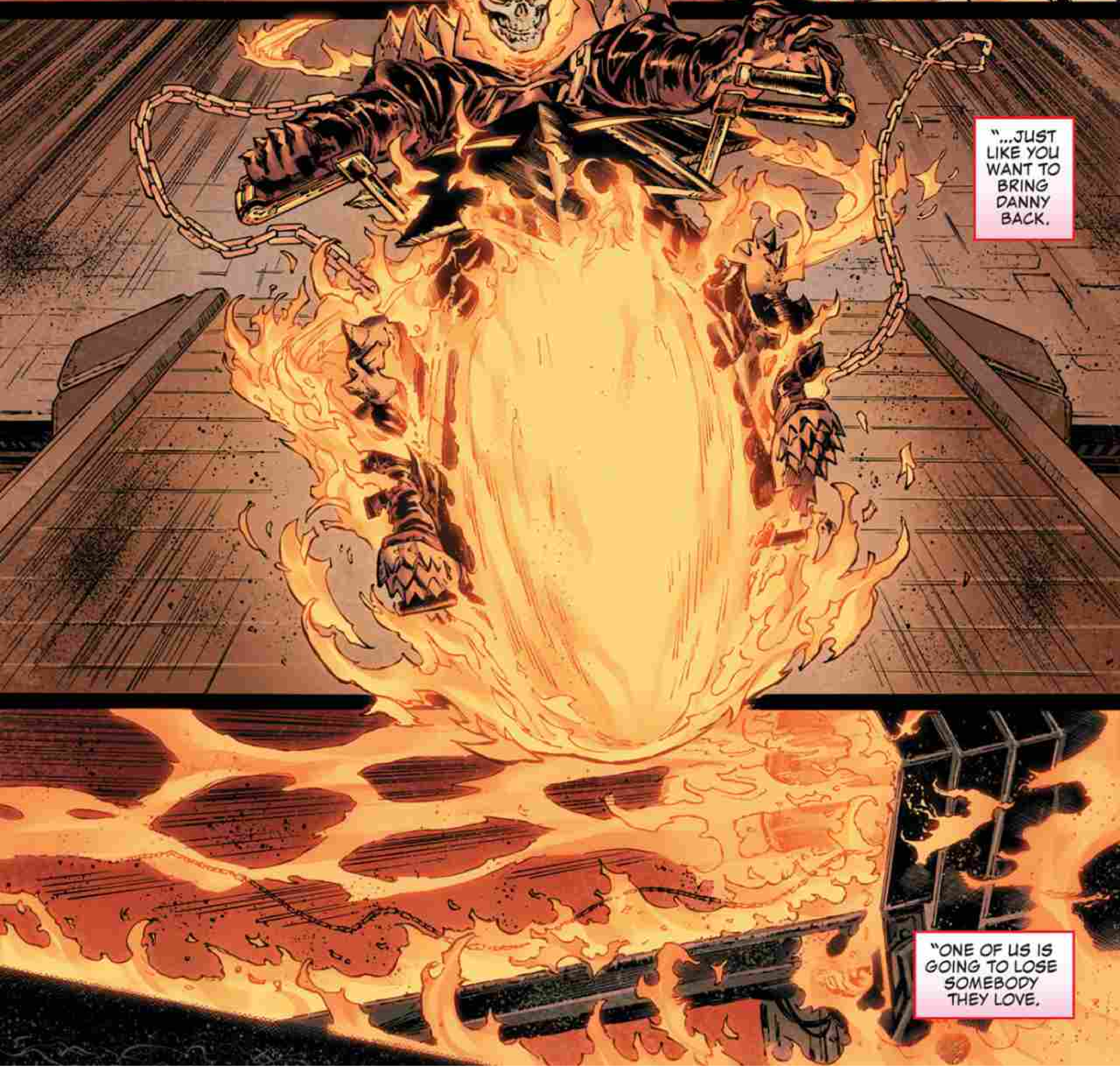
"I WANT
YOU BACK..."

RRRRRRRR

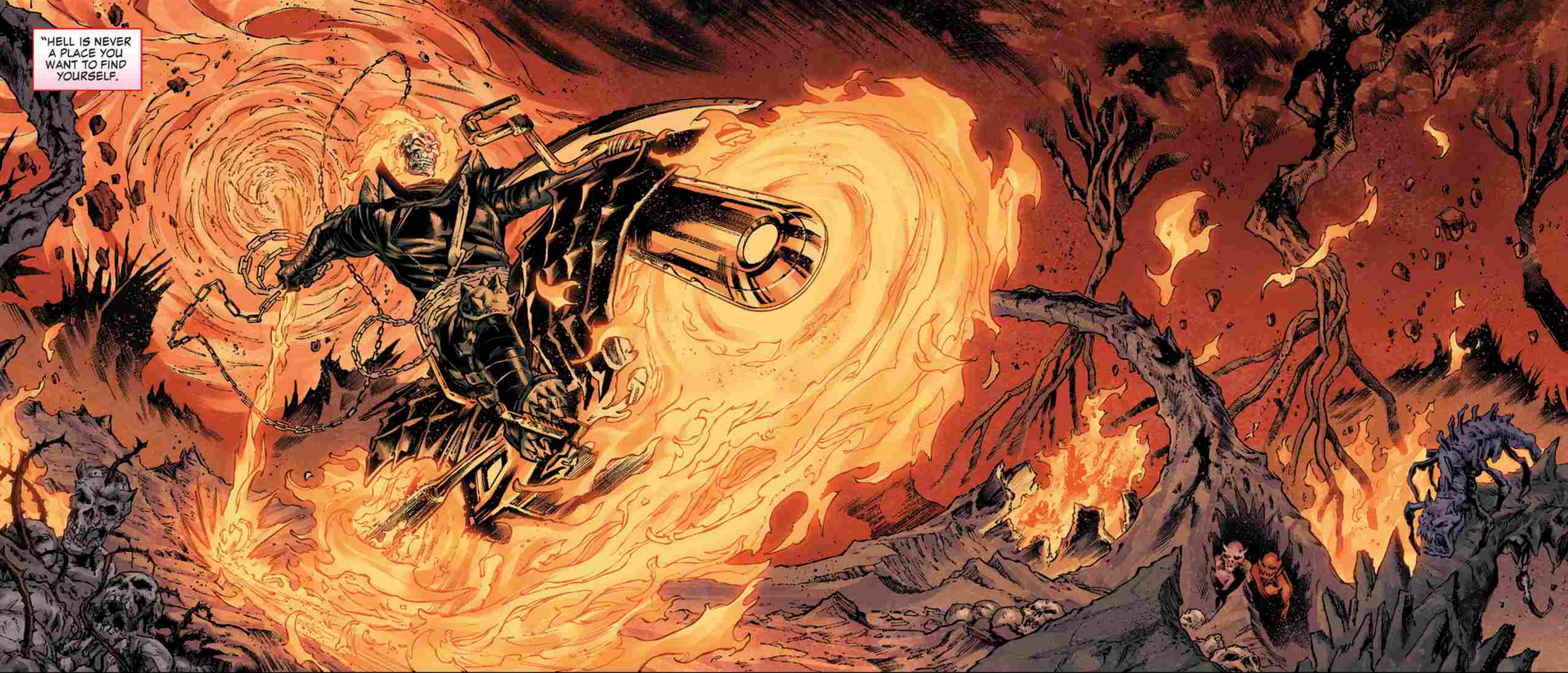


"...JUST LIKE
DR. DIYU WANTS
TO BRING HER
BROTHER BACK..."

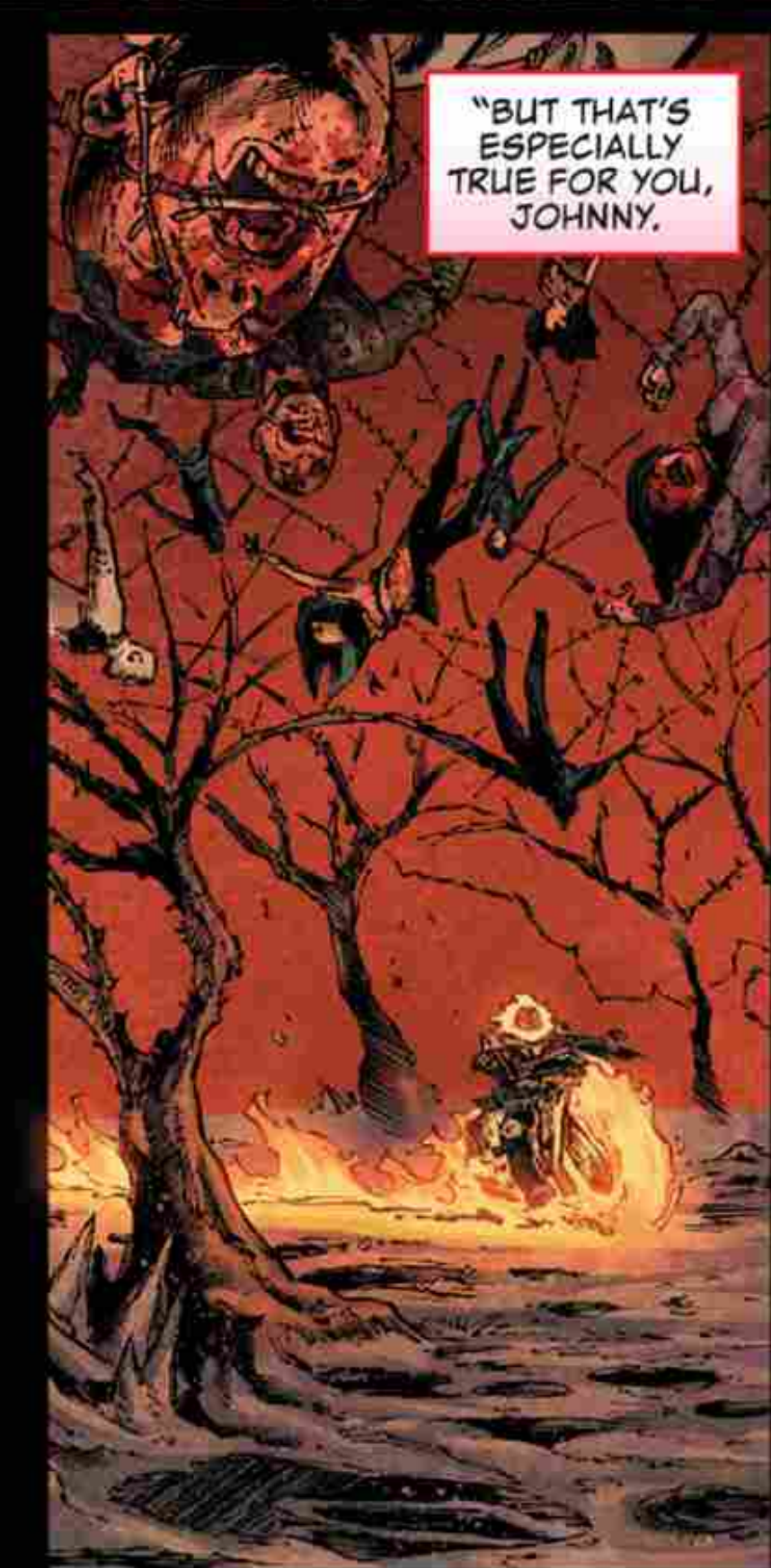
"...JUST
LIKE YOU
WANT TO
BRING
DANNY
BACK."



"ONE OF US IS
GOING TO LOSE
SOMEBODY
THEY LOVE."



"HELL IS NEVER
A PLACE YOU
WANT TO FIND
YOURSELF."



"BUT THAT'S
ESPECIALLY
TRUE FOR YOU,
JOHNNY."



"BE
SAFE AND
SWIFT."



"YOU MAY
HAVE BEEN
THE KING OF
HELL ONCE..."



"...BUT
WHEN THEY
REALIZE
YOU'RE
THERE..."



"...YOU'LL BE
LIKE ROYALTY
THROWN TO THE
PEASANTS..."



"...THE
WARDEN
SENTENCED
TO HIS OWN
PRISON."

THERE
IS NO MAP
TO HELL...



...BUT I HAVE
CHANNELED AN
ALGORITHM INTO THE
SPIRIT'S COMPASS
FOR EVIL...



...SO THAT
I MIGHT FIND
MY BROTHER'S
LOST SOUL.



I DON'T
KNOW IF
YOU CAN
HEAR ME,
SPIRIT...



...BUT
I LIKE THE
WAY YOU
MAKE ME
FEEL.





IT'S ONE
THING TO
STUDY
YOU.

IT'S
ANOTHER
THING
ENTIRELY
TO...



...EXPERIENCE
YOUR POWER.

OZZT



WHAT?

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

ROOOO
AAAR



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
JUST HAPPENED--
BUT THERE...

...THERE,
THAT'S
BETTER.



JUST A
LITTLE BIT
FARTHER.





NO...



PLEASE,
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?



KUNCH



DON'T
LEAVE ME!



COME
BACK. PLEASE
COME BACK.



I'M
RIGHT HERE,
SISTER.



I'M
SO GLAD
YOU
CAME.

BUT YOU
WERE SO BUSY
THINKING ABOUT
WHAT YOU
WANTED...

...YOU
NEVER
STOPPED
TO THINK
ABOUT
WHAT I
WANTED.

I'M NOT
A VICTIM.



I CAME TO
HELL BECAUSE
IT'S WHERE
I BELONG.

WELCOME
TO MY HOME.

I HOPE
YOU ENJOY
YOUR STAY.

I'M ONLY A PASSENGER.

THE RIDER KNOWS
WHERE TO GO.



THE
SPIRITS CAN
SOMEHOW
SENSE EACH
OTHER...



...LIKE BATS
CALLING TO
EACH OTHER
IN THE DARK.

JUST AS
I FOUND MY
FAMILY...

...THE SPIRIT
HAS FOUND
HIS.



GOD HELP ANYONE
WHO COMES
BETWEEN THEM.



I KNOW
YOU LONG
FOR HIM AS
HE LONGS
FOR YOU.

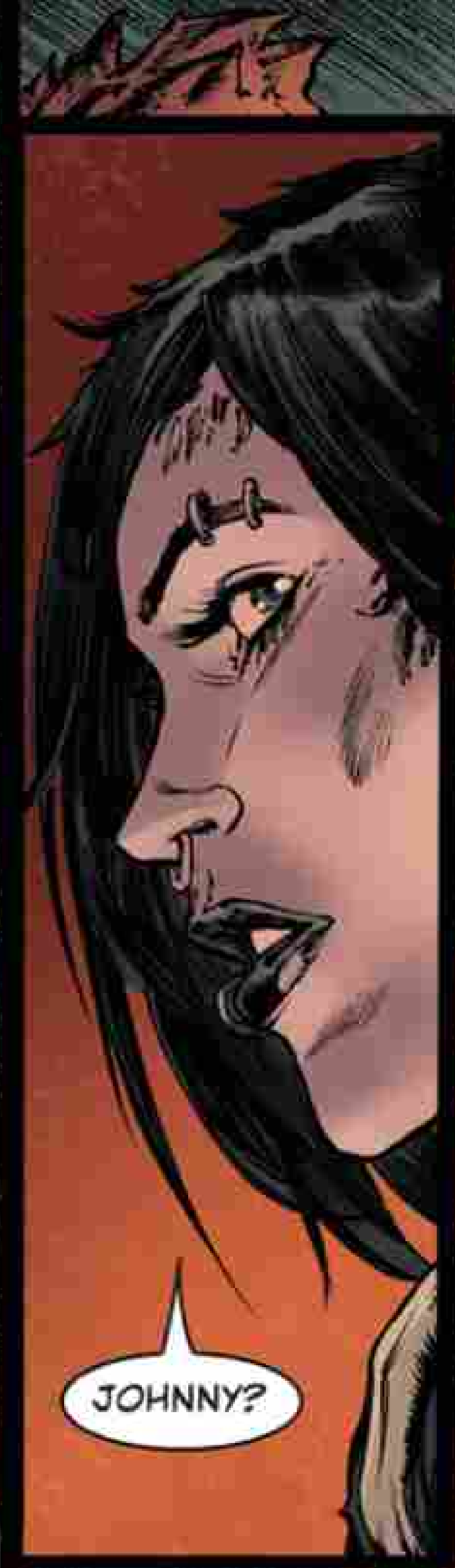


COME
WITH ME.



I WILL
CARRY YOU
HOME.







THE SPIRIT
RETURNS.



THE
HOST
IS MADE
WHOLE.



DANNY?!



PLEASE
BE ALL
RIGHT.

PLEASE
BE HERE.



I'M HERE,
BROTHER.

NEXT: NIGHT RIDER!



NEXT ISSUE

Over the years, the same hitchhiker has found Danny Ketch, Robbie Reyes and now Johnny Blaze! Join us for this stand-alone tale of terror that threatens the past, present and future of the Ghost Riders...